



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND August 5, 2013 – For the week ending August 4, 2013, some western and extreme northern and southern areas of the state received significant rainfall while most central and eastern areas received little to no moisture, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures remained cool across the state last week. The cooler temperatures have been good for small grain development, but warmer weather and additional moisture is needed to help row crops. Harvest of winter wheat began last week in some southern areas. Statewide, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 32 short, 56 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 27 short, 63 adequate, and 5 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat headed was 98 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average. Turning color was 54 percent, well behind last year at 98 and 62 average. Ripe was 7 percent. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 65 good, and 9 excellent.

Durum wheat headed was 99 percent, behind last year's 100 but ahead of 93 average. Turning color was 46 percent, well behind 81 last year but ahead of 40 average. Ripe was 2 percent. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 74 good, and 5 excellent.

Oats headed was 96 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average. Turning color was 58 percent, well behind last year's 96 and 67 average. Ripe was 19 percent. Harvested was 2 percent, well behind last year's 56 and 16 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 71 good, and 12 excellent.

Barley turning color was 64 percent, well behind 100 last year and 73 average. Ripe was 9 percent. Harvested were 1 percent, also well behind last year's 60 and 17 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 66 good, and 8 excellent.

Canola turning color was 40 percent, behind 90 last year and 54 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent.

Flaxseed blooming was 93 percent, behind last year at 100 but near 94 average. Turning color was 17 percent, behind 74 last year and 33 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 61 good, and 8 excellent.

Lentils harvested were 4 percent, well behind 66 last year and 17 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 27 fair, 43 good, and 20 excellent.

Corn silking was 81 percent, behind last year's 99 but ahead of 74 average. Dough was 3 percent, well behind 53 last year and 16 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 86 percent, behind 2012 at 100 and average at 92. Setting pods was 48 percent, well behind 93 last year and 63 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 8 excellent.

Potatoes blooming were 99 percent, behind 100 last year but equal to 99 average. Rows filled were 53 percent, well behind 96 last year and 79 average. Condition rated 11 percent very poor, 9 poor, 43 fair, 28 good, and 9 excellent.

Dry edible peas mature were 37 percent, well behind 93 last year and 66 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 18 fair, 72 good, and 4 excellent.

Dry edible bean blooming was 79 percent, behind last year at 100 and 91 average. Setting pods was 42 percent, behind 94 last year and 61 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 38 fair, 47 good, and 7 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 16 percent, behind 82 last year and 40 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa hay was 42 percent complete. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 15 fair, 57 good, and 23 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 62 good, and 17 excellent. Stock water supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 85 adequate, and 11 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.*

*Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-08-05-2013.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?ND,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP)